

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12, 14, 17-22, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,476,833 to Moshfeghi.

Claims 13 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Moshfeghi as applied to claims 1-12, 14, 17-22, and 24-26, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0029504 to O’Kane, JR. et al. (herein “O’Kane”).

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response.

Initially applicants note the claims are amended to clarify features recited therein.

Specifically, independent claim 1 now recites:

a display data creating part that automatically changes configuration of the current display section if the information to be contained in the current display section satisfies the prescribed condition when creating the display data.

The other independent claims 15, 16, 25, and 26 are similarly amended.

The claims as currently written can address a situation in which display sections can be automatically changed. As a non-limiting example, the claims can be particularly applicable to a situation in which in a display, such as a portal page accessed through the internet, for an information item that does not have to be displayed all the time, or that is to be displayed only when required, the configuration of the display window allocated to that information item can be changed when a certain condition is satisfied, which will thereby attract the user’s attention.

With respect to Figure 15 in the present specification as a non-limiting example, a web page may be divided into multiple sections. Sections that are not significant in an ordinary state can be minimized, see for example in the state of Figure 15 the Printer

Information section 212 and the Document List section 214 are minimized, whereas the Service List section 211 and the Calendar section 210 are maximized. In an operation that can be realized in the claimed invention, only certain sections can be maximized when required, for example if a condition therein changes. For example, a minimized frame can be automatically maximized or emphasized when a prescribed condition is satisfied. As a non-limiting example, if the printer information within Printer Information section 212 changes or is updated, then that Printer Information section 212 can be maximized, such as shown for example in Figures 10-12. The user can thereby easily recognize that certain information is updated. The above-noted operation is also discussed in the present specification for example at page 41, lines 7-19.

An operation of automatically changing a configuration of a current display section if information to be contained in the current display section satisfies a predetermining condition is now clarified in each of the independent claims, and is believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

With respect to the primary reference to Moshfeghi, Moshfeghi discloses that an item linked to specific information is displayed only on an authorized user's monitor display, but is not displayed on unauthorized user's monitor displays. Moshfeghi realizes such an access restriction by filtering mark-up language documents before display to delete linking information that is not allowed.

Thereby, Moshfeghi merely discloses controlling whether to display or not to display a certain information item when a certain user information satisfies a specific condition.

However, Moshfeghi does not disclose or suggest the claimed operation of automatically changing a configuration of a current display section if the information to be contained in the current display section satisfies a prescribed condition when creating display data. That is, Moshfeghi does not disclose realizing an operation such as discussed above in

which a normally minimized display section can be maximized when the information displayed therein is updated or modified.

In such ways, the claims as currently rendered are believed to clearly distinguish over Moshfeghi.

Moreover, no teachings in O'Kane are believed to cure the above-noted deficiencies in Moshfeghi.

In view of these foregoing comments, applicants respectfully submit the claims as currently written distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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